

2013 Erie County Sheriff's Annual Report



The 2013 Erie County Sheriff's Annual Report is dedicated to Air One Pilot,
Retired Captain Kevin Caffery. Thank you for your 44 years of service.

***“In loving memory of those
Erie County Sheriff’s
Officers who have given
their lives while serving the
citizens of Erie County.”***

Joseph J. Wachowiak 11/03/1948
Robert S. Insalaco 08/13/1987
William R. Dils Sr. 11/05/1977
William M. Dillemuth 10/20/1989
Frederick Kaesser 08/01/1925



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To the Residents of Erie County:



On behalf of all the dedicated men and women of the Erie County Sheriff's Office, I would like to present the 2013 Annual Report. This annual report highlights the Erie County Sheriff's Office's achievements, introduces the public to the wide range of law enforcement services the Sheriff's Office provides to the residents of this great county, and demonstrates the commitment of every individual under my command.

Although our ranks remain well below our levels prior to the 2005 Red/Green Budget, the men and women of the Erie County Sheriff's Office remain dedicated to protecting our residents and ensuring a safe community.

The Erie County Sheriff's Office remains on the leading edge of law enforcement by providing 88,000 hours of training for our Deputies and Correction Officers. This allows the Sheriff's Office to respond to a wide array of situations and locations.

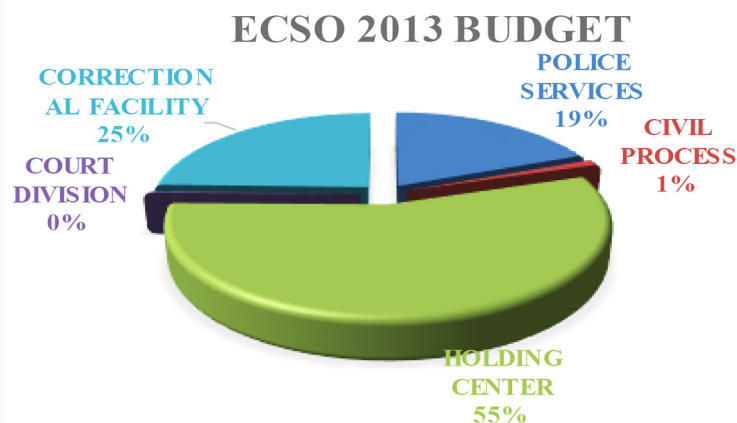
Erie County is blessed with some tremendous natural resources and four glorious seasons. This demands that the Sheriff's Office have the necessary assets to patrol on the water, or the rugged terrain of the foot hills of the Allegany Mountains, or the various winter trails and seasonal parks.

*Sincerely,
Timothy B. Howard
Sheriff, Erie County*

We want to thank the dedicated men and women of the Erie County Sheriff's Office and recognize their hard work and commitment to the office. In 2013, the Sheriff's Office had a budget of just over \$113 million and this is a breakdown of our services to Erie County.



Undersheriff Mark Wipperman and Sheriff Timothy B. Howard





Standing left to right: Chief John Anthony, Civil; Chief Scott Partonik, Special Services; Sheriff Timothy B. Howard; Undersheriff Mark Wipperman; Chief Alfonso Harris, JMD; Chief Scott Joslyn, Police Services.

Seated left to right: Chief John Greenan, Administration; Chief Paul Evans, JMD; Superintendent Thomas Diina, JMD; Dept. Superintendent John Rodriguez, JMD; Dept. Superintendent Michael Reardon, JMD.



Past Sheriffs Of Erie County

Wray S. Littlefield 1823 - 1825
 John G. Camp 1826 - 1828
 Lemuel Wasson 1829 - 1831
 Stephen Osborn 1832 - 1834
 Lester Brace 1835 - 1837
 Charles P. Persons 1838 - 1840
 Lorenzo Brown 1841 - 1843
 Ralph Plumb 1844 - 1846
 General Timothy Hopkins 1847 - 1849
 Leroy Farnham 1850 - 1852
 Joseph Candee 1853 - 1855
 Orrin Lockwood 1856 - 1858
 Gustavus A. Scroggs 1859 - 1861
 Robert H. Best 1862 - 1864
 Oliver J. Eggert 1865 - 1867
 Charles Darcy 1868 - 1870
 Grover Cleveland 1871 - 1873

John B. Weber 1874 - 1876
 Joseph L. Haberstro 1877 - 1879
 William W. Lawson 1880 - 1882
 Harry H. Koch 1883 - 1885
 Frank T. Gilbert 1886 - 1888
 Oliver A. Jenkins 1889 - 1891
 August Beck 1892 - 1894
 George H. Lamy 1895 - 1897
 Andrew Kilgallon 1898 - 1900
 Samuel Caldwell 1901 - 1902
 Francis T. Coppins 1902
 Harry M. Kaiser 1903 - 1905
 James Smith 1906 - 1908
 Henry F. Jerge 1909 - 1910
 John W. Henry 1911 - 1912
 Frederic Becker 1912 - 1914
 Howard Stengel 1915 - 1917
 Fred A. Bradley 1918 - 1920

William Waldo 1921 - 1923
 Frank A. Tyler 1924 - 1926
 Charles F. Zimmerman 1927 - 1929
 Charles F. Freiberg 1930 - 1932
 Frank J. Offermann 1933 - 1935
 Michael Maher 1935
 William M. Eberhardt 1936 - 1938
 William Pollack 1939 - 1941
 Arthur D. Britt 1942 - 1955
 Michael Wagner 1955
 Robert A. Glasser 1956 - 1959 B.
 John Tutuska 1959 - 1969
 Thomas W. Ryan 1969
 Michael A. Amico 1970 - 1976
 Kenneth J. Braun 1977 - 1985
 Thomas F. Higgins 1986 - 1997
 Patrick M. Gallivan 1998 - 2005



Police Services Division

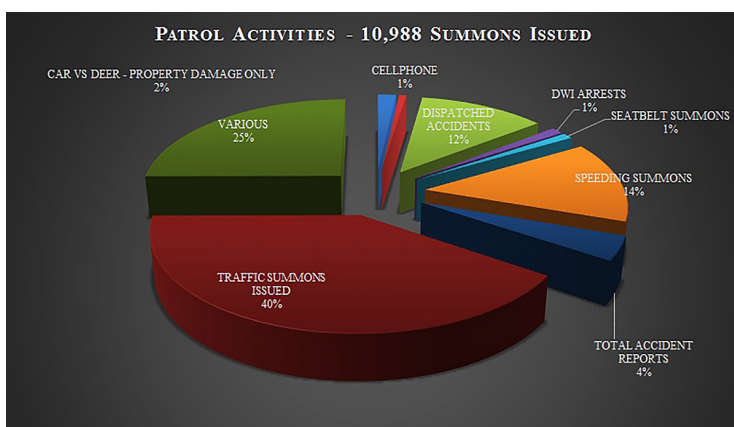
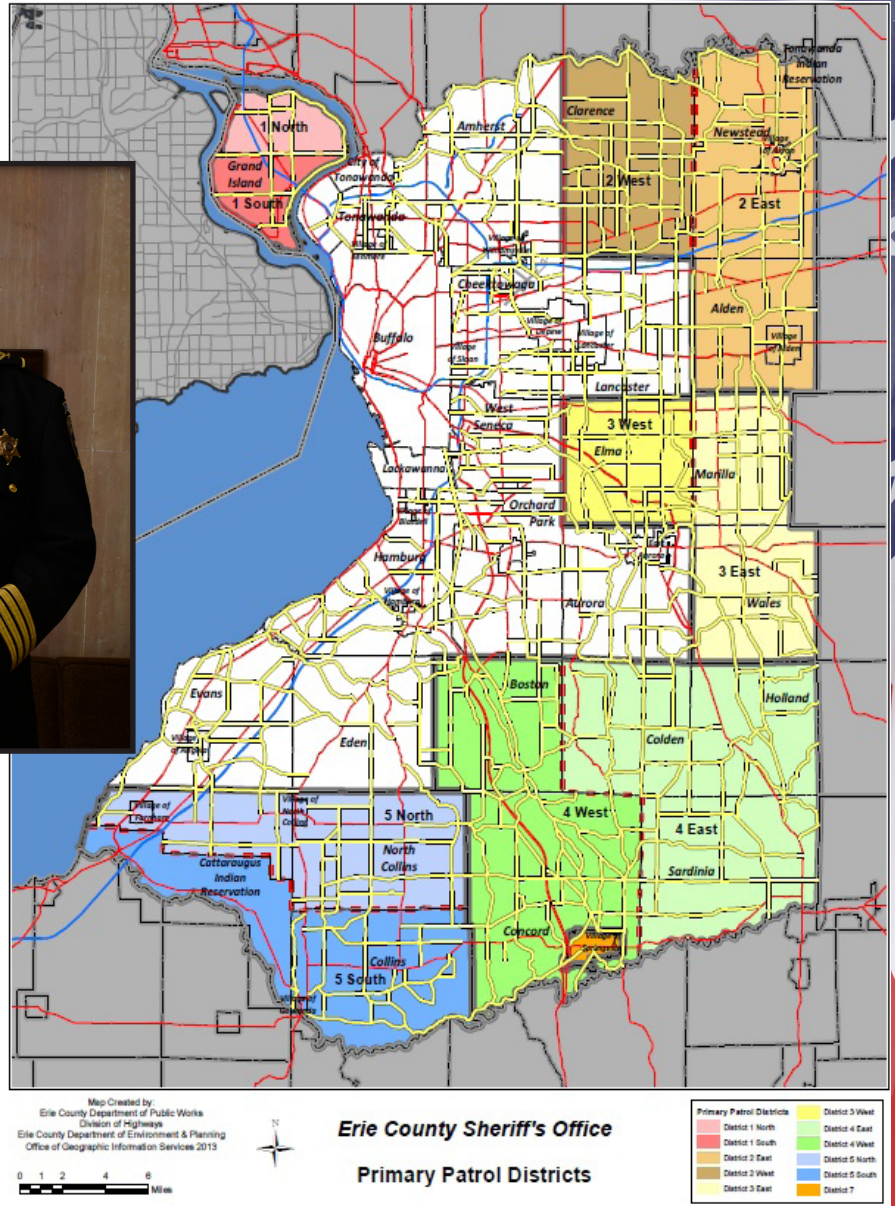
The Police Services Division encompasses several facets of the Office of Sheriff, including the one most readily recognizable to the citizens of Erie County; that is, the uniformed law enforcement officers in their distinctive red and white patrol vehicles. Nearly 89,000 calls were placed in 2013 for assistance, including accidents, criminal mischief, burglaries, property damage.



Chief Scott Joslyn

The Police Services Division is charged with law enforcement duties, traffic enforcement, crime prevention and service to the citizens of Erie County. The Sheriff's Office maintains substations in the towns of:

- Grand Island
- Clarence
- Elma
- Colden
- Collins
- Villages of Springville and North Collins



This deployment of personnel ensures rapid response to the needs and concerns of the citizens of Erie County, which encompasses 1,034 square miles. In addition to the familiar red and white patrols of the county, many unique services are provided, some of which are outlined below. These units include the:

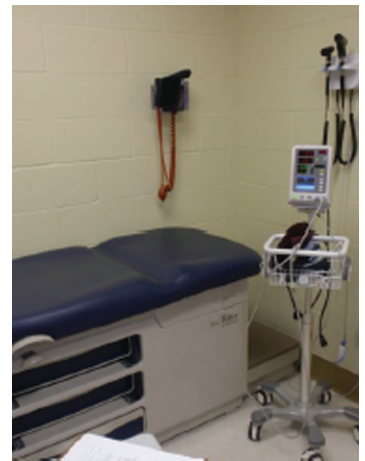
- Road Patrol
- Traffic Bureau/Crash Investigation Unit
- Domestic Violence Unit
- County Building Patrol Unit
- Transport Unit

Jail Management Division



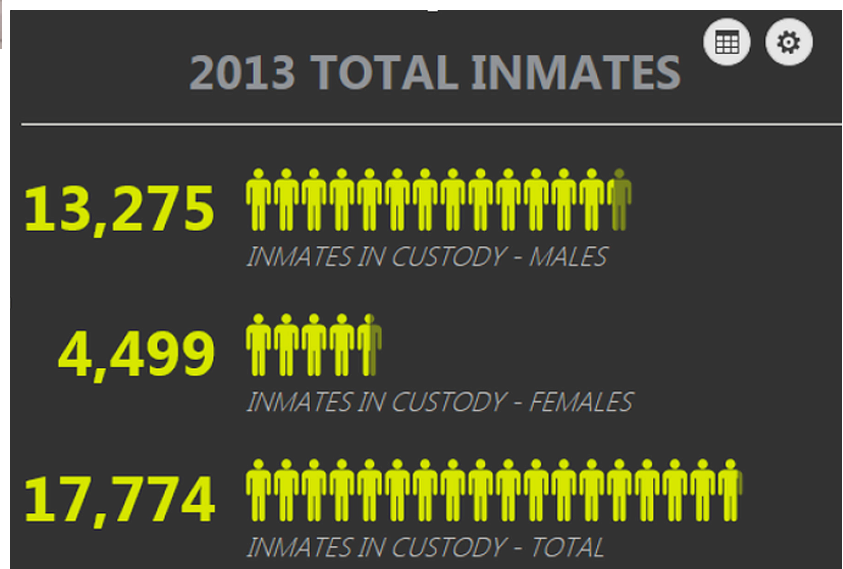
Superintendent Thomas Diina

The Erie County Holding Center (EHC), located in Buffalo, New York, is a pretrial, maximum security detention facility. It is the second largest detention facility in New York State, outside of New York City. The EHC has a capacity of housing 680 inmates remanded to the custody of the Sheriff of Erie County. It processes more than 20,000 inmates annually. The facility is a combination of pods and open bay construction and traditional linear type cells.



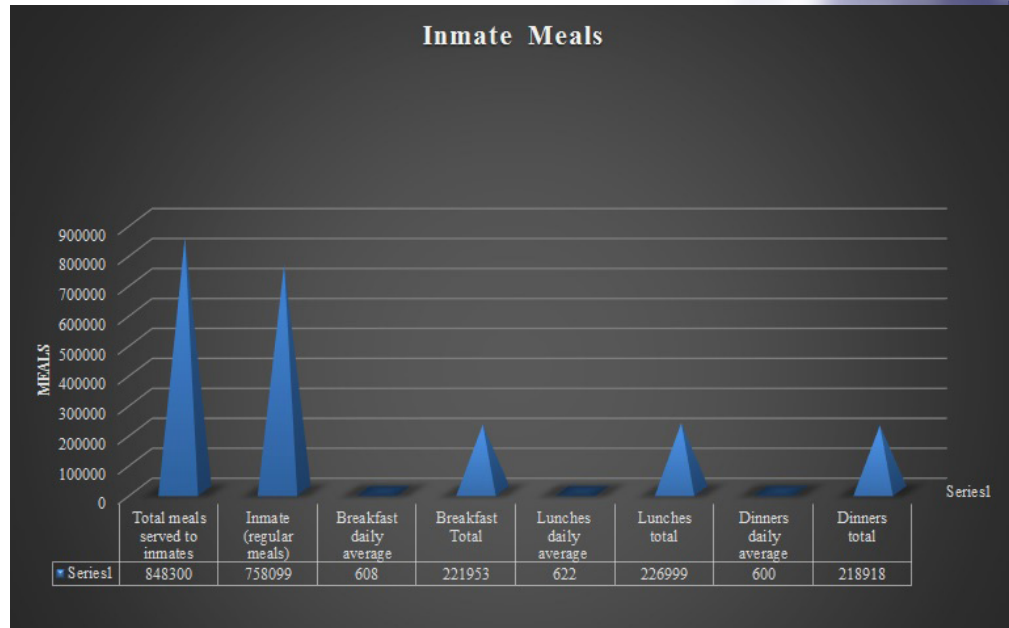
Overflow inmates are housed at the Holding Center Annex at the Erie County Correctional Facility (ECCF). Located in Alden, New York, ECCF presently can hold 1,070 inmates of various classifications. The facility is a combination of "New Generation Jail" pods and open bay construction.

The populations housed at the EHC and ECCF include: non arraigned, non-sentenced, sentenced, and federal inmates. Males, females and adolescents (those adolescents adjudicated as adults) are housed at both adult facilities.



Inmate One-Stop Center

- Peaceprints – VOICE Program
- Center for Employment Opportunity
- Inmate Trustee Program
- Forensic Mental Health staff have several transitional programs in place to assist in inmate's reintegration into the community
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Alcoholics Anonymous



Veteran's Housing

This unit is the very first inmate housing unit in New York specifically designed for veterans. This unit was a collaborative effort with Judge Robert Russell, Veteran's Administration, and the ECSO Jail Management Division to provide a unique and specific rehabilitation for individuals that went through Veteran's Court.



Foxtrot North is supervised by Deputies that are veteran's themselves and only houses veterans of our military branches.





Chief John Anthony



Chief John Greenan

Civil Enforcement Division

The Erie County Sheriff's Civil Division was the first Civil Division certified as Professionally Accredited in New York State. The Civil Enforcement Division is a state mandated service provided by all Sheriff's Offices throughout New York State.

Its purpose and function is to serve and execute the various legal processes issued by and for the several non-criminal courts of New York State and for jurisdictions of other states and countries throughout the world.

The Civil Division is the enforcement vehicle for all civil courts, including small claims, city, county and state jurisdictions. In 2013 the Division collected over \$1 million in net revenue for the county.

Administration Division

The Administrative Services Division provides support services for all Divisions of the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

Payroll - Personnel - Pre Employment - Absentee Control - Reception - Budget - Purchasing - Accounts Receivable/Payable - Grant Management - Fleet Administration - FOIL (Freedom of Information Law)

Administrative Services furnishes all benefits to the more than 1000 employees of the Sheriff's Office.

The Erie County Sheriff's Office is an equal opportunity employer. It is the responsibility of the Administrative Services Division to ensure that all regulations are enforced.

Grant Management

The staff oversees projects within the Sheriff's Office that are funded by state and federal grant monies.

Budget and Purchasing

This Division prepares monitors and reports on the entire budget for the Sheriff's office.




Fleet Administration

Responsible for the maintenance of marked and unmarked vehicles, motorcycles, ATVs, boats, and snowmobiles. The fleet consists of specially adapted cars, trucks, ATVs, trailers and vans that are fully equipped to perform their law enforcement mission.

Freedom of Information Law

(FOIL) Records Access Officer will process requests from the public under the Freedom of Information Law.

CIVIL ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

\$8,055,900.00	 DISBURSEMENTS CREDITORS
\$1,169,546.00	 DISBURSEMENTS D.S.S.
\$1,037,705.00	 NET REVENUE TO COUNTY

Special Services

Bomb Squad - Formed in 1972, the squad is a fully accredited Bomb Squad certified by the F.B.I. Hazardous Devices School and the National Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board.

2013 Bomb Squad Stats

BOMB THREATS	1
BOMBINGS	1
CASUALTIES	0
HOAX DEVICES	3
K9 ASSIST CALLS	26
RECOVERED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE	22
SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES	5
TRAINING HOURS	1,104
TRAINING HOURS - K9	388

2013 SWAT Unit Stats

MULTI-AGENCY TRAININGS	1
BARRICADE SUBJECT	3
HIGH RISK WARRANTS	14
WOODLAND SEARCHES	1
TRAINING HOURS	3,376

The Eric County Sheriff's Office SWAT team provides an enhanced level of expertise to respond to high-risk situations. Team members are trained and equipped to respond to situations where the level of risk exceeds that of a conventional police response. These situations include barricaded/hostage/shots fired situations; counter sniper operations; high-risk warrant service; dignitary protection or other situations involving an above average risk of serious injury or death to police officers or civilians. In addition, team members are trained in land navigation and woodland search-and-rescue to assist in situations involving missing or lost person.



Chief Scott Patronik



Aviation

ASSISTANCE/FEDERAL/STATE	33
ASSISTANCE/FIRE AGENCIES	40
ASSISTANCE/POLICE AGENCIES	277
BUFFALO BILLS STADIUM FLIGHTS	11
FLIGHT HOURS	1,985
LIFE-SAVING RESCUES	8
LIFE-SAVING TRANSPORTS	18
SEARCHES CONDUCTED	193
SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS	55



Air 1 is an American Eurocopter - Model AS350B2. This aircraft is capable of carrying a pilot and five passengers. It is capable of flying up to up to 150 m.p.h. Air 1 is equipped with:

- Rescue hoist (300 lbs)
- 15 million candlepower searchlights
- Special day/night camera with DVR recorder system
- Digital/analog video downlink system, capable of sending broadcast quality video up to 90 miles away.

Marine Unit



ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED	10
ON-WATER INSPECTION	115
PATROL HOURS	5,099
SEARCH AND RESCUE	33
TOTAL CITATIONS	118
TOTAL HOURS OF MARINE LAW ENFORCEMENT	5,099
VESSEL/PERSON ASSIST	45
VESSEL HOURS	2460
VESSEL INSPECTIONS	125

The Snowmobile and ATV Unit

is comprised of full-time Erie County Sheriff's Deputies who enforce the legal requirements to operate a snowmobiles and ATVs in New York State. They also help educate and promote safety out on the trails. The Snowmobile and ATV Units patrol trails, parks, roadways and land masses of Erie County frequented by trail riders and park visitors.



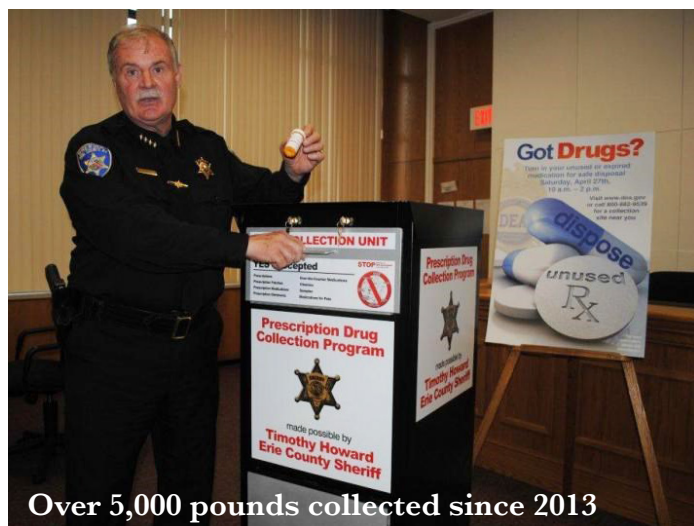
ENFORCEMENT HOURS	676
ARRESTS/SUMMONSES	24
COMPLAINTS	57
ACCIDENTS	3
SPEED RELATED	1

Awareness Programs

Human Trafficking

The Western District of the New York Human Trafficking Task Force and Alliance is a multi-agency group designed to combat human trafficking through the Western District of New York. This task force includes the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Erie County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the FBI, the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Wage and Hour, U.S. Border Patrol, the International Institute of Buffalo, Farmworker Legal Services, as well as the Missing and Exploited Children.

Prescription Drugs

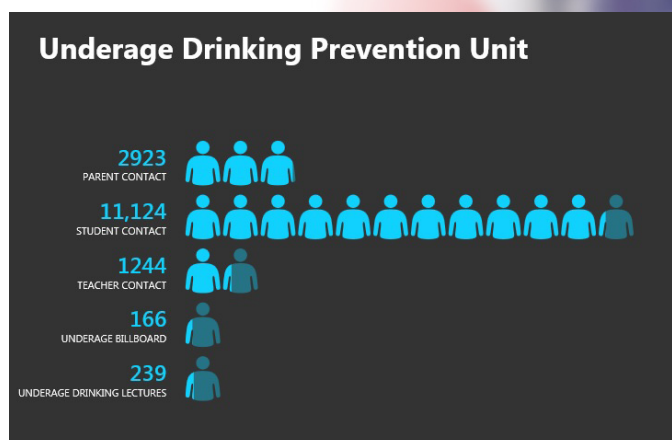


Over 5,000 pounds collected since 2013

Since the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Health Department installed 11 prescription drug drop off boxes around the county, Deputies have collected approximately 290 pounds of old and unwanted medications, as well as syringes and I.V. equipment. The discarded items are set to be destroyed. Locations of



CASES	34
COMMUNITY AND CHURCHES TRAINED	2,720
DOMESTIC CASES	23
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TRAINED	771
LABOR CASES	5
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINED	761
POTENTIAL VICTIMS	91
SEX TRAFFICKING	29
TOTAL TRAINING HOURS	351
TOTAL TRAINING SESSIONS	118



kiosks can be found on our web site at erie.gov/sheriff. Old and unwanted medications too often fall into the wrong hands and are abused and dumping them into the sink or toilet is harmful to our water supply. Please consider using a drug drop-off box for your unused medications. No questions will be asked.

Underage Drinking Prevention Unit

The Underage Drinking Prevention Unit is overseen by the Erie County Sheriff's Office "Public Awareness is Prevention" program funded by New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse.

The Erie County Underage Drinking Enforcement/Prevention Unit represents diverse community interests, working collaboratively to take a systematic, action-oriented approach to positively alter underage drinking in Erie County. We seek to change awareness, attitudes and behaviors through ensuring access for youths and adults to a comprehensive array of education, prevention, treatment, aftercare, and recovery resources. This unit will also alert parents of the consequences of serving alcohol to underage youth.



Narcotics Unit

The Narcotics and Investigation Unit is responsible for the investigation of illegal drug trafficking throughout Erie County, and the arrest and conviction of those persons processing and dealing in illicit drugs.



CHARGES	308
ARRESTS - POSSESSION OF CONT. SUB.	148
CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON	9
CRIMINAL SALE OF CONT. SUB.	7
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA PLANTS	12
TOTAL CHARGES	396
TOTAL FELONIES	121
TOTAL MISDEMEANORS	217
TOTAL VIOLATIONS	56



Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau is responsible for investigating a wide range of criminal activity including homicides, larcenies, robberies, suspicious deaths and forgeries. The Detectives maintain and ensure the proper handling of all Sheriff's Office evidence.

ASSAULTS	14
BURGLARIES	113
CLOSED CASES	968
FORGERIES	6
FRAUDS	21
GRAND LARCENIES	116
MISSING PERSONS	18
MURDERS	3
PETIT LARCENIES	95
RAPES	7
ROBBERIES	7
SEX OFFENSES	435
TOTAL CASES	1,035

Fire Investigation Unit



The Unit's investigators have state and federal certification in determination of cause and origin of fires. The Unit spends countless hours raising the community's awareness of arson problems and has established innovative educational programs to reduce arsons.

FIRE/HAZMAT INVESTIGATIONS 2013

ACCIDENTAL STRUCTURE FIRES	43
ARSON FIRES	5
ARSON STRUCTURE FIRES	5
ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	14
BURN REPORTS	39
UNDETERMINED FIRES	19
VEHICLE FIRE - ARSON	1
VEHICLE FIRE - UNDETERMINED	2
VEHICLE FIRES - ACCIDENTAL	4
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS	132

Domestic Violence



The Erie County Sheriff's Office dedicated a special unit to investigate incidents of domestic violence. In 2013, the unit was engaged in:

ARRESTS	52
COMPLAINTS LOGGED	1,222
FELONY ARRESTS	32
MISDEMEANORS	183
TOTAL ARRESTS	295
ALL OTHER CHARGES	481
VIOLATIONS	79

Reserve Division

Erie County Sheriff's Scientific Reserve

This division allows trained individuals from a wide range of professions to assist in investigations in their specific fields of expertise.

Erie County Sheriff's Employee Chaplaincy Program

The chaplaincy programs is a group of volunteer clergy designed to serve the needs of the Sheriff's Office by providing spiritual guidance and counseling for personnel and their families.



Erie County Sheriff's Mounted Reserve. This unit patrols the hundreds of festivals in Erie County and maintain a strong presence at Ralph Wilson Stadium patrolling the parking lots and stadium grounds.

K-9 Units



K-9 Deputies and their K-9 partners serve all divisions and units throughout the Sheriff's Office. The K-9 deputies are trained to detect drugs and explosives, assist in arson investigations and search for wanted individuals. They have become an important part of securing the Holding Center and Correctional Facility from smuggling of prohibited items.

History

The Office of the Sheriff is the oldest office under the system of common law in the United States and is an integral part of government in the State of New York.

As the oldest constitutional law enforcement officer of the county, the Sheriff is charged with maintaining the peace in all municipalities, villages and townships within his jurisdiction, and the care and custody of persons pending court action. The Sheriff also serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Courts.

The powers and the duties of the Sheriff are embodied in the constitution of each state and, as such, the Sheriff of Erie County heads the largest Sheriff's Office in New York State and the fourteenth largest in the nation.

On February 4, 1821, John G. Camp was appointed as the first Sheriff of the district, which at that time encompassed both Erie and Niagara Counties. After the district of Erie County was established, Camp remained in office as the Sheriff of Erie County until December 31, 1822.

United States President Grover Cleveland began his political career as Sheriff of Erie County in 1871. He went on to become Mayor of the City of Buffalo, Governor of the State of New York and President.

The Erie County Sheriff is, as are most of more than 3,000 sheriffs in the United States, an elected official. He is elected to a term of office for four years, must devote full time to his duties, and may not hold any other public office.

The men and women, within the various divisions of the sheriff's Office, provide a wide range of services to the

County's residents. In addition to 1,046 square miles of land area, Erie County has 90 miles of shoreline, the waters of which also come under the jurisdiction of the Office. The Erie County Holding Center began as a jail "plainly built of Graystone" in 1877. It was built to house individuals awaiting trial and those convicted on minor charges. At that time, the facility housed about 30 prisoners.

The original building was demolished in 1937 to allow the construction of a new jail designed to house 156 inmates. The new jail, boasted as the most modern in the country, was opened in 1938. This building constitutes the nucleus of today's building.

Many additions later, the Holding Center, a pretrial detention facility, accommodates 680 inmates in a combination of the traditional jail design of indirect supervision - Linear - and a new design of direct supervision - Podular. The blending of these two concepts brings to Erie County the first detention facility in the United States to unite these two different systems into one smoothly functioning facility.

In 1986, the Sheriff's Office was first accredited by the New York State Sheriff's Association and has just recently completed the re-accreditation process. In 1990, the Sheriff's Office became one of the first police agencies in Western New York to be certified by the State of New York as an Accredited Law Enforcement Agency.

The Erie County Sheriff's Office owes its successful development to the fifty-three sheriffs, and all the public servants, both past and present, who dedicated themselves to the service and the protection of the citizens of Erie County.



Yellow Dot is a free program designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during that first "golden hour" after a crash or other emergency. A Yellow Dot in the driver's-side rear window of your vehicle will alert first responders that vital medical information is stored in the glove compartment.

Erie County Sheriff's Office *in our communities*



Do You Know? Other facts about the Erie County Sheriff's Office...

Communication Center received over 182,000 calls in 2013
 Completed over 81,000 hours of training for Deputies and Officers
 Transported nearly 8,900 inmates for court appearance, medical treatment and other appointments
 Cleared 4,464 Cases and/or Warrants for Family Court
 Fingerprinted 1,023 individuals
 Patrolled county buildings and responded to 4,300 calls
 Has a sniper unit which trained more than 430 hours
 ECSO patrols all 1,034 square miles of Erie County
 ECSO Weapons and Ordnance Unit trains all Deputies and Officers as well as other law enforcement officers





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